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Another option is to re-interpolate for contaminants with many non-detects or high detection limits only using detected values and then run the analysis. This will have the obvious problem of a paucity of data defining large areas of the river.

Ben

Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> See Matt's note below. One way around this is to only map those
> chemicals detected frequently at the site. Aldrin was detected about
> 30% of the time in surface sediments. Any thoughts?

> Eric

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> Chip and Eric,

> I have started working with the GIS tool, and I wanted to pass on an
> observation. This came up during the orientation so I believe you are
> aware of it. The tool contours both detects and non detects. It does
> not allow contouring of the just the non detects. For example the
> contour map of aldrin used in the orientation was a contour map of
> nondetects off of the shipyard.

> One can dig into the data for individual sample point info or have the
> tool code detects/versus non detects, but it does defeat the purpose of
> mapping concentrations. I am bringing this up because I know that folks
> are preparing figures for the data retreat, and it would be great if we
> could avoid spending retreat time sorting out what is real or just an
> elevated detection limit.

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